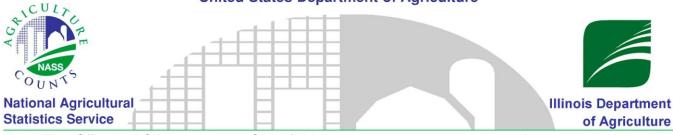
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SPRINGFIELD, IL -- The Illinois Field Office of NASS today released the USDA's 2011 County Estimates for Corn, Soybeans, and Sorghum.

Springfield, Illinois - Farmers in Woodford county led the way in corn yields with an average of 186.5 bushels per acre, the highest in the state. This was more than 29 bushels above the state average of 157. For soybeans, Carroll county farmers had the highest yields at 63.1 bushels per acre, more than 16 bushels above the state average of 47.0

La Salle county had the largest production for corn and McLean county had the largest production for soybeans. McLean county also had the largest number of acres harvested for both corn and soybeans.

Acreage, yield, and production estimates for the top five counties are listed on the bottom of this page for corn and soybeans. Maps displaying the county yields for corn and soybeans are on the following pages. Acreage data for all counties, and production data for other crops can be obtained by visiting our website at http://www.nass.usda.gov/il. From that point, click on County Estimates near the center of the screen.

County estimates are a vital part of agriculture and are used to evaluate and administer farm commodity, credit, conservation, disaster, insurance and loan programs. As with all NASS reports, results are published so that no individual producer can be identified. For more information, please contact the Illinois Field Office at (800) 622-9865.

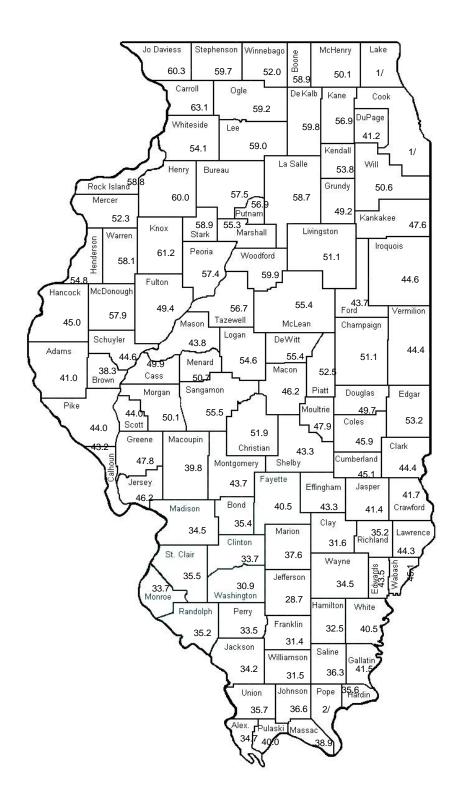
SOYBEANS 2011					
ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD (bu)		PRODUCTION	(bu)
McLean	259 , 500	Carroll	63.1	McLean	14,374,000
Livingston	257 , 500	Knox	61.2	Livingston	13,167,000
Iroquois	251,500	Jo Daviess	60.3	La Salle	12,003,000
Champaign	226,000	Henry	60.0	Champaign	11,547,000
La Salle	204,500	Woodford	59.9	Iroquois	11,207,000
Corn 2011					
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ACRES HARVES	STED	YIELD (bu)	2011	PRODUCTION	(bu)
ACRES HARVES	STED 365,500		186.5	PRODUCTION La Salle	(bu) 60,116,000
		YIELD (bu)			•
McLean	365,500	YIELD (bu) Woodford	186.5	La Salle	60,116,000
McLean Iroquois	365,500 362,000	YIELD (bu) Woodford De Kalb	186.5 183.8	La Salle McLean	60,116,000 58,342,000

The staff of the Illinois Field Office would like to thank all the producers that responded to the County Agricultural Production Survey. Your reports provide a valuable service to the agricultural community.

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